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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 644**

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**Introduced by Senator Chesbro**  
**(Principal coauthor: Senator Sher)**  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Wiggins)

February 24, 1999

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An act to amend Section 15301.5 of the Government Code, relating to armories, *making an appropriation therefor*, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 644, as amended, Chesbro. Armories: homeless shelters : *adult education*.

**Existing**

(1) *Existing* law requires the Military Department to make certain state armories available to specified cities and counties for use by homeless persons for emergency shelter purposes. County governments utilizing this program are required to provide a report no later than June 30, 1998, to the Governor and specified legislative committees, describing the progress toward providing alternative emergency shelters in lieu of the program. If the report is not provided by that date, armories may not be made available to the local government for the program after July 1, 1998.

This bill would extend the date upon which the report is due to June 30, 2000, and the date after which armories may not be made available if no report is provided to July 1, 2000.

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(2) *This bill would appropriate \$1,050,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Community Services and Development for allocation to specified shelter-based adult education programs, and to the department for administrative purposes.*

(3) *This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 15301.5 of the Government  
2 Code is amended to read:  
3 15301.5. County governments utilizing the Armory  
4 Temporary Emergency Shelter Program pursuant to this  
5 chapter shall provide a report no later than June 30, 2000,  
6 to the Governor, the Senate Committee on  
7 Governmental Organization, the Assembly Committee  
8 on Local Government, the Senate Committee on Budget  
9 and Fiscal Review, and the Assembly Committee on  
10 Budget, describing the progress towards providing  
11 alternative emergency shelters in lieu of the Armory  
12 Temporary Emergency Shelter Program. The report  
13 shall describe recent activities, planned activities,  
14 obstacles, and proposed solutions to the obstacles. If the  
15 report is not provided by June 30, 2000, armories shall not  
16 be made available to the local government for the  
17 Armory Temporary Emergency Shelter Program after  
18 July 1, 2000.

19 SEC. 2. (a) *The Legislature finds and declares the*  
20 *following:*

21 (1) *Homelessness is a pervasive problem throughout*  
22 *California.*

1     (2) *The provision of health and human services to the*  
2 *homeless results in the expenditure of substantial state*  
3 *and local resources.*

4     (3) *Homeless individuals are better able to return to*  
5 *a productive and meaningful place in society if given*  
6 *appropriate assistance and requisite survival skills.*

7     (4) *Life skills education has a proven record in aiding*  
8 *the homeless in their transition to self-reliance and*  
9 *self-sufficiency.*

10    (b) *The sum of one million fifty thousand dollars*  
11 *(\$1,050,000) is hereby appropriated from the General*  
12 *Fund to the Department of Community Services and*  
13 *Development for allocation to shelter-based homeless*  
14 *adult education programs previously funded under the*  
15 *federal Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act*  
16 *(Public Law 100-77) and State Department of Education*  
17 *demonstration grants. The funds shall be allocated as*  
18 *follows:*

19     (1) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to*  
20 *Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency, in the*  
21 *Berkeley-Oakland area.*

22     (2) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to*  
23 *Catholic Social Services, in Sacramento.*

24     (3) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the*  
25 *Contra Costa County Office of Education.*

26     (4) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to*  
27 *Episcopal Community Services, in San Francisco.*

28     (5) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the*  
29 *Mary Lind Foundation, in Los Angeles.*

30     (6) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the*  
31 *Riverside County Department of Community Action.*

32     (7) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to Santa*  
33 *Clara Adult Education, in San Jose.*

34     (8) *One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to*  
35 *the Vietnam Veterans of California, in the Santa Rosa and*  
36 *Humboldt County areas.*

37     (9) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the*  
38 *Salvation Army, in Santa Fe Springs.*

39     (10) *One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be*  
40 *used by the Department of Community Services and*

1 *Development for purposes of administering the*  
2 *programs set forth in paragraphs (1) to (9), inclusive.*

3 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for  
4 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
5 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the  
6 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts  
7 constituting the necessity are:

8 In order to provide adequate shelter for the homeless,  
9 it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

